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History of the World Beer CupSM



The quality and diversity of beers available around the world prove that brewing excellence knows no borders.

— **Charlie Papazian, Brewers Association President**

Large and small brewing companies located outside of a style's area of origin are crafting quality beers brewed to traditional styles. Belgian styles in Japan, altbiers in the USA, pale ales in Germany and bock beers in Brazil are just some of the interesting developments in the changing international marketplace.

World Beer Cup Competition

When: Every 2 years

Judges: 200+ highly qualified beer professionals

Style Categories: 90+

Awards: Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals and Champion Brewery and Brewmaster Awards

Traditional beer styles are not only celebrated in their native lands, but are now being shared, brewed and enjoyed worldwide. Consumers are discovering and enjoying a wider variety of both traditional and new beer styles, some brewed close to home and others brewed on the other side of the world. The number of new styles and style interpretations appears to be limited only by the creativity of the world's brewing community.

Over the years we have seen consumer beer choices go from small to having exploded around the world. The Brewers Association developed the bi-annual World Beer Cup Competition in 1996 to celebrate the art and science of brewing.

This global competition continues to create greater consumer awareness about different beer styles and flavor profiles while promoting international brewing excellence.

The World Beer Cup, often referred to as "The Olympics of Beer Competitions," is the most prestigious beer competition in the world.

Facts & Figures

	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Beers Entered	2,864	3,330	4,014	4,754	6,596
Breweries	644	642	828	1,403	1,907
Countries	58	44	57	58	55
Beer Styles	91	90	95	94	96
Judges	129	179	214	219	253
Countries (Judges)	21	26	32	31	31

View a more [detailed analysis](#) 📊 by country and U.S. State.

Dates & Deadlines

Dates subject to (slight) change. [Get updates.](#)

Oct. 31 – Nov. 14, 2017	Brewery application window
Nov. 28 – Dec. 8, 2017	Beer registration—all registered breweries will register beers during this time
Jan. 17, 2018	Confirmations sent to breweries
Feb. 16, 2018	Last day for breweries to make changes
March 19 – 23, 2018	Judging entries due to Colorado
May 3, 2018	World Beer Cup Awards Ceremony* in Nashville, TN, USA
June 13, 2018	European World Beer Cup Awards Ceremony in Berlin, Germany

